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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yasushi KANEKO et al.**

Serial No.: ⁰⁸
~~09~~981,654

Filed: **January 8, 1998**

For: **LIQUID CRYSTAL SHUTTER AND METHOD OF DRIVING THE
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

April 18, 2000

Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests a refund of **\$110.00** for the extra fee incorrectly charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2340, in the subject application on March 20, 2000.

A Response to the Restriction Requirement was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 16, 2000 which was within the period for response.

As indicated in paragraph 4, page 1 of the Office Action Summary of the Office Action dated February 15, 2000, the Examiner stated:

... period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s),
or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this
communication. ...

The Office Action was dated February 15, 2000 and the Response was filed on March 16, 2000. The response was, in fact, filed within the period for response, since there are 29 days in February of 2000, and 30 days from February 15, 2000 is March 16, 2000. Accordingly, the fee of \$110.00 is incorrectly charged in the instant application.

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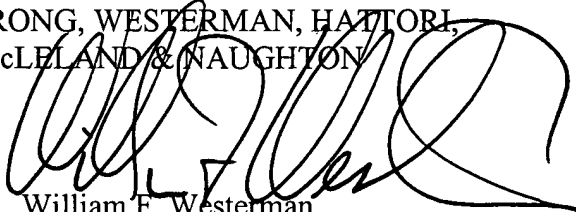
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For your convenience, a copy of the Response, the date stamped postcard along with the Office Action dated February 15, 2000 are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the incorrectly charged fee of **\$110.00** be credited to Deposit Account 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Response to Restriction Requirement
 Copy of Date Stamped Postcard
 Copy of the Office Action

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Art Unit: **2871**

Examiner: **D. Nguyen**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 16, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 15, 2000, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-3, (drawn to a liquid crystal display device, classified in class 349, subclass 99) without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected claims.

If any additional fees are due with regard to this paper, please charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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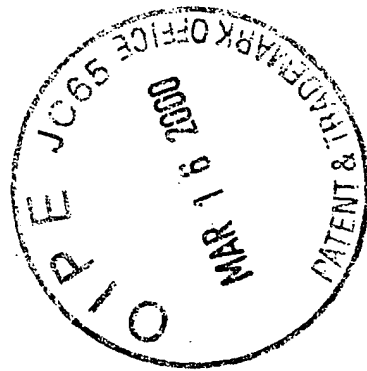
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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated
in connection with the above-identified case.

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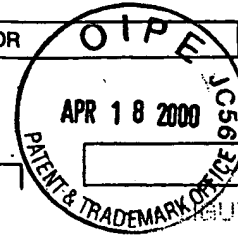


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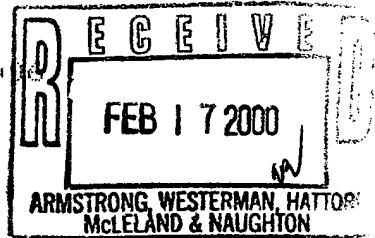
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Office Action Summary

Application No.

08/981,654

Applicant(s)

Kaneko et al.

Examiner

Dung Nguyen

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☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____☐ This action is **FINAL**.☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.☒ Claims 1-18 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☒ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been☐ received.☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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